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Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34)

1. The following observations were made at Wiener Neustadt airfield between 30 July and 5 August 1952. Between 9 and 10 p.m. on 30 July, individual take-offs were made by six jet aircraft at the airfield. The weather was calm and clear. The individual aircraft which had their position lights on circled over the town for about 5 minutes. Four red spotlights, located north of the Wiener Neustadt - Bad Fischau road were continuously switched on during air activity, while the three southern lights of the row of white spotlights in the northern section of the landing field were only switched on when the approaching planes flew between Felixdorf (O 48/X 35) and Therasienfeld. Near the white spotlights there was searchlight whose beam was moving up and down in the direction of the landings.
2. Apparently AA gun emplacements were being built on the eastern edge of the field as far as a point in line with the center of the settlement along Badener Strasse. (1) The debris of ruined buildings which was used there was hauled to the site on the following trucks: [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, [redacted] (2)
3. Between 4 and 6 p.m. on 1 August, there was no flying. Intensive vehicle traffic was observed toward the construction site where AA gun emplacements were probably being built. The following vehicles left the field:

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25X1 isen [] driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, jeeps
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 25X1 Vehicles parked in the yard of the former Nachrichten Kaserne included:
 25X1 van-like trucks [] with artillery insignia, truck
 25X1 [] Sedan [] driven by a soldier
 wearing black-bordered red epaulets was parked in front of the Kommandatura.
 About 6 a.m. on 4 August, truck [] driver wearing black-bordered red
 epaulets, was parked in front of the former Artillerie Kaserne. The vehicle
 had a white ring on the left side of the insignia.

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4. Between 4 and 5:30 p.m. on 5 August, nine jet aircraft were parked at the field along Badener Strasse. About every 30 minutes, a jet plane took off. There was a northeasterly wind of about 5 km/h. The visibility was limited to about 15 km. The Schneeberg was surrounded by haze. The aircraft took off and landed individually. (3)

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Deutsch Wagram (P 49/S 50)

5. Between 8 and 11 a.m. on 5 August, no aircraft were observed at Strasshof airfield. (4) All gun emplacements were apparently being built. Repair work seemed to be done on the runway. About 30 motor vehicles and full-track vehicles were observed at the field. [] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, moved to the field. No activity was observed in the Soviet-occupied buildings. Eight trucks were parked in the Deutsch Wagram (P 49/S 50) motor vehicle park, but no vehicular traffic was observed. Between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., [] the radio installation which was previously observed in Obersiebenbrunn (P 49/S 60) was removed. Work continued on the building which was under construction there. Three fourths of the building was completed. Between this building and the airfield, the construction of another such building was started. (5)

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Parndorf (P 48/X 77)

6. Between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 31 July, Parndorf airfield was occupied by 24 jet aircraft, 2 single-engine planes with radial engines and 1 biplane. (5) No flights were made. There was a 2/10 overcast, good visibility, sunny and calm weather and a cloud base at about 3,000 meters. The radio installations were unchanged. Lines were apparently being laid from a radio truck on the western edge of the field to the four-mast radio installation at the north-eastern perimeter of Parndorf. Vehicles parked on the tank truck parking site included 8 trucks, 6 tank trucks and 2 van-like trucks. The following vehicles were observed leaving and entering the field: tank trucks []
 [] drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, trucks []
 [] both drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and truck
 [] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and occupied by officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. (7)

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7. Between 2 and 4 p.m. on 7 August, 33 jet aircraft, 2 biplanes and 2 single-engine aircraft were observed at the field. The single-engine planes had radial engines, a two-man cockpit and an antenna rod both in front of and aft of the cockpit. (6) Thirteen tank trucks were parked at the field. Red covers were observed on the air intake apertures of those jet planes which were not covered with tarpaulins and on the air exhausts of two jet planes. Two of the three fuel containers which were previously observed at Parndorf railroad station were meanwhile installed in the southeastern corner of the field, while the third container lay on the ground nearby. A radio installation with a five-section antenna, similar to the antenna observed in Obersiebenbrunn (P 49/S 60) was erected at the field. (5) At its side, there was a searchlight about 1 meter in diameter. A Po-2 plane

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towed a 250-meter-long rope with a sleeve target at which the individual jet aircraft practiced firing. Most of the planes approached from the rear or front without diving.

8. Two jet planes which landed at the field required an estimated landing strip of from 600 to 800 meters. One of the two planes had a two-man crew. The aircraft taxied under their own power to the dispersal area. The landing strip seemed to be uneven. After the two planes had landed, the Pe-2 plane and one of the biplanes on the field headed west. (8) A command car, a radio truck, a truck, an ambulance, a jeep and 4 small two-wheel trailers for the transportation of storage batteries were observed at the take-off point. Vehicular traffic was conducted by truck [redacted], which moved to the field, weapons carrier [redacted] with small trailers for storage batteries, and truck [redacted] which was loaded with coal and went from the railroad station to the field. All the drivers wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

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Aspern (P 49/X 49)

9. The following observations were made in Aspern and Gross Enzersdorf. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 5 August, 22 jet aircraft, 36 Pe-2s and 2 biplanes were observed at Aspern airfield. (9) There was no flying. There was calm and sunny weather with a 3/10 overcast at an altitude of about 3,000 meters. Excavation continued on the northern edge of the field where AA gun emplacements were presumably being constructed. The radar installation was unchanged. There were two van-like trucks at its side. Van-like trucks [redacted] all were parked in front of a temporary building on the road to Gross Enzersdorf (P 49/X 59). Four tank trucks and six large fuel containers each with an estimated capacity of about 15,000 liters were observed in the western fuel dump. There was vehicular traffic involving school truck [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered epaulets, and trucks [redacted] the latter two driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. No occupation was observed at the eastern fuel dump. Additional vehicles observed included truck [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, in front of the komandatura in Aspern, 2 jeeps and 1 radio truck in the garden of the officers' home, and sedan [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, in the yard of the former Konrad Kaserne in Gross Enzersdorf. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets was posted in front of the barracks installation. About 12:30 p.m., 6 lieutenant colonels, 4 majors and 3 captains, all wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, leather helmets and flying jackets came from the direction of the field. About 11:45 a.m., 10 EM under the command of a captain marched to the former home for aged people. All the EM who wore black-bordered blue epaulets were armed with submachine guns and carried cardboard dummies. The radio installation on the eastern edge of Gross Enzersdorf was unchanged.
10. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 6 August, the following motor vehicle [redacted] were observed in the area of Aspern airfield and Gross Enzersdorf: tank trucks [redacted] drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, moved into the western fuel dump at the field. [redacted] Two tank trucks [redacted] were parked at the western fuel dump; truck [redacted] driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets was parked in front of the komandatura, and trucks [redacted] moved to the field. A total of 241 blue steel cylinders and three van-like trucks including [redacted] were observed in the yard of the building on Kasernen Strasse in Gross Enzersdorf. The vehicles possibly belonged to the [redacted] which was previously observed there. The radio installation on the eastern perimeter of Gross Enzersdorf was unchanged. Three van-like trucks, [redacted] having an artillery insignia and [redacted] were located there. (2)

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Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57)

11. On 7 August, radio truck [] was observed near the radio installation in Goetzendorf at the town exit toward Mannersdorf (P 48/X 66). Trucks [] drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were observed moving from the motor vehicle parking lot in Goetzendorf toward an unknown destination.

Bad Vooslau (O 48/X 36)

12. Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 6 August, 16 Pe-2s, 2 biplanes and 1 Mi-2 plane were parked at Bad Vooslau airfield. There was no flying. There was sunny and calm weather, and a 3/10 overcast at an altitude of about 3,000 meters. The radio installations were unchanged. (10) Truck [] driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, was parked in front of the komandatura. It was loaded with boards which were brought into the komandatura. Telephone lines still extended into house No 13 on Bahnstrasse. Forty-two EM were engaged in athletics in the yard of this building. Morse signals were definitely heard from No 14 Bahnstrasse. Trucks [] all driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were parked in front of the laundry. A sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and truck [] were observed in front of Schloss Vooslau. The truck had been previously observed near the laundry. No traffic by passengers or vehicles was observed near Schloss Gaimarn (O 48/X 26). (2)

Trauersdorf (P 48/X 55)

13. On 31 July, Trauersdorf airfield was not occupied. There were no indications of an intended reoccupation.

Weikendorf (P 49/S 61)

14. [] a bombing range with targets for low-flying aircraft is located in the Weikendorf area between Obersiebenbrunn (P 49/S 60), Untersiebenbrunn (P 49/S 60), Schoenfeld (P 49/S 70), Oberweiden (P 49/S 70), Weikendorf (P 49/S 61) and Gaenserndorf (P 49/S 61). The area was off limits, but local residents entered it if there was no activity. A level terrain which was used as an airfield during firing exercises was allegedly located on the edge of the restricted area. [] the terrain had been used as a bombing range prior to and during World War II. No AA gun firing was heard, but the release of small bombs was allegedly practiced there. It was also said that low-flying aircraft attacked ground targets and that aircraft fired at towed air sleeves over the field. [] a forest fire in the woods near Weikendorf had been caused by a burning sleeve target which was shot down by aircraft. (11)

Waellich Hof (O 49/X 38)

15. On 4 August, 9 EM were tearing down one or several garages, and 2 EM removed rivets from gray blue angular irons in Waellich Hof. All the EM wore black-bordered blue epaulets. There were sentries who wore black-bordered blue and black-bordered red epaulets. The following motor vehicles observed in Waellich Hof: 73 trucks including 3 driving school trucks [] and 5 trailers, including [] 2 tank trucks including [] and 1 van-like truck. (2) Opposite this occupied object there was a large vacant villa which had previously been used as a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients.
16. On 11 August, new garages were built at the sites of the old ones in Waellich Hof. The installation was occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered red and black-bordered blue epaulets. Trucks [] were observed in the installation. (12)

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Schloss Liechtenstein (O 49/X 37)

17. Between 8 a.m. and noon on 4 August, the radar set could not be observed in Schloss Liechtenstein. It had been located there on 12 July. Sentries wearing black-bordered blue epauletts were posted at the castle. A truck and a van-like truck were parked in the yard. (23)

18. Bruck an der Leitha (P 49/X 77)

On 30 July, a Soviet jet fighter crashed near Bruck an der Leitha while in the beam of a searchlight. The plane was completely destroyed and the pilot, a Soviet major, was killed. The military funeral took place on 1 August during which a flag with a Russian inscription [redacted]

Comments.

(1) There are indications that the airfields in the Soviet-occupied Zone of Austria are also to be provided with AA protection as are the airfields in Eastern Germany. See [redacted] At the airfields in Austria only the construction of gun emplacements has been observed so far.

(2) [redacted]

(3) Wiener Neustadt airfield is still believed to be occupied by two fighter regiments and the headquarters of a fighter division.

(4) The information confirms that Deutsch Wagram airfield is temporarily unoccupied because of construction work. One fighter regiment was transferred to Aspern and the other regiment to Parndorf.

(5) The radio installation in Obersiebenbrunn which belonged to Deutsch Wagram airfield was probably transferred to Parndorf. The information that construction continues on the buildings for the radio installations indicates that the airfield was vacated only temporarily. The building on which construction was recently started probably will house the inner low frequency approach beacon.

(6) Parndorf airfield is temporarily occupied by a fighter regiment from Deutsch Wagram while construction work is in progress at the latter field. The increase of the number of MiG-15s by nine planes on 7 August cannot yet be explained. Previously, about 24 MiG-15s were believed to be stationed there. According to a sketch which is not forwarded, the single-engine plane with a radial engine is a Yak-11.

(7) Motor vehicle [redacted] which was observed in Deutsch Wagram on 23 July indicates that the fighter regiment which is now stationed at Parndorf airfield came from Deutsch Wagram.

(8) It is believed that the twin-engine aircraft which are suitable for towing sleeve targets are stationed at Vooslau airfield.

(9) Aspern airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment in addition to a fighter regiment from Deutsch Wagram. The second bomber regiment left Aspern for an undetermined destination in July to make room for the fighter regiment from Deutsch Wagram.

(10) Bad Vooslau airfield is still occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment and an air transport or target-tow unit.

(11) This is the first report on the air training field near Weikendorf which is believed to be a firing range. Firing was previously practiced there by the fighter regiment stationed at Deutsch Wagram airfield.

(12) Maellisch Hof is probably occupied by a unit of the independent motor transport battalion of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army. Other units of this battalion are located in Brunn am Gebirge. The old garages were probably replaced by new ones.

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- (13) The occupation of Schloss Liechtenstein was previously reported. See [redacted] At that time, a radar set was observed there. It has not been determined whether the set was meanwhile removed or whether it had been set up only during an exercise.
- (14) It is believed that the crashed jet fighter was stationed at Parndorf airfield. [redacted] is probably assigned to the fighter regiment stationed at this airfield. This is the first report that fighter units equipped with jet aircraft practice in cooperation with searchlights in the area of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army.

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